का माल बर्बाद हो गया और चोरी चला गया; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इसी अवधि के दौरान उधार दिए गये माल की अभी तक वसूली नहीं की गई है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वाणिज्य तथा खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री (श्री पी. शिव शंकर) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(ख) से (ग) एक विवरण सभा-पटल पर रखा जाता है ।

विवरण

(ख) और (ग) सुपर बाजार केवल सरकारी विभागों, सार्वजनिकी क्षेत्र के प्रतिष्ठानों तथा स्थानीय निकायों आदि को ऋण की सुविधा देता है । यह ऋण 30 दिन तक की अवधि के लिए दिया जीता है ।गत तीन सहकारी वर्षों, 1983-84, 1984-85 तथा 1985-86 (मार्च, 1986 तक नौ महीनें) के लिए दिया जाता है । गत तीन सहकारी वस्तुएं ऋण पर बेची गई तथा उसी अवधी के दौरान ऋण पर दी गई बिक्री के प्रति 27.99 करोड़ रुपये की वसूली की गई। 1.4.1986 बकाया राशि 2.90 करोड़ रुपये थी, जिसमें मार्च, 1986 के दौरान ऋण पर की गई 1.76 करोड़ रुपये की बिक्री की बकाया राशि भी शामिल है ।

Payment of D.A. to the Central Government employees

*197. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of D.A. instalments which have become due as on date for payments to the Central Government employees; and

(b) by when these are likely to be paid to them?

THE MTN[T]STER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRT TANARDHAN POOJARI). (a) and (b) Consequent upon the average price index crossing 616 point at the end of March, 1986, one more instalment of Dearness Allowance has become due for consideration with effect from 1-4-1986.

Payment of each instalment of Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees cost the exchequer approximately Rs. 70 crores per annum. Therefore, question of payment of each instalment has to be considered carefully with regard to their impact on the economic situation and the Budget. The question of sanction for payment of the D.A. insta'ment due from 1-4-1986 would receive the attention of the Government. It is, however, not possible to indicate any time limit for taking a decision in thi$_s$ regard.

Extension in service granted to Chairman, IrunYn Bank

*198. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(n) whether an extension of service for two years has been granted recently to Shri Nair. Chairman of Indian Bank with Headquarter at Madras after the expiry of h[1]s service period;

(b) if so, how many such extensions have been given to other Chairman of Banks recently; and

(c) what are the reasons for granting such extensions?

THE MTNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRT JANARDHAN POOJARY: (a) to *(c>* Tn the case of Chnirm.nn and Managinc Directors of the National'scd Bmks who have a specified term of office the question of extension in the normal sense of the term does not arise.

The Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions> Schemes 1970 and 1980 orov'de that a Whole-time Director including the Managing Director, shal[1] hold office for such term not exceeding five years and shall be eligible for reappointment.

Recently the term of office of SJShn M.G.K. Nair, and Y.S. Hegde, Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Bank and Corporation Hank respectively expired on 15-2-86. lhe Government nas reappo.n-ted them in the same capacity for a further term up to 13-11-88 and 15-2-89 respectively.

Construction of a building for Punjab National Hank in Bhikaji Caina Place

*199. SHRI RAMACHANDRA BHARADWAJ; SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be plea-ed to state:

(.a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab National Bank had to pay over Rs. 80 lakhs to the DDA for regularuation of its building in Bhikaji Cama Place in New Delhi which was consctructed without proper sanction of the competent authority; and

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry into trie matter to fix responsibility for this avoidable heavy financial burden, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) According to the Punjab National Bank, DDA had demanded a sum of Rs. 80,69,220/- as compounding fee for regularising the permLsi-ble construction at Plot No. 7, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi. The Bank represented to DDA that the compounding fee was not leviable as the Bank had duly submitted all papers required by DDA except the copy of the lease deed which coud not be executed because of DDA's inability to prodece/provide the same. It was also represented to DDA that as the Plans submitted by the Bank were neither rejected nor refusal thereof conveyed within 60 days, as per DDA's by-laws, the Bank deemed the plans to have been sanctioned.

Finally, the DDA levied the penalty of Rs. 4,03,461/- for construction done prior to sanction. The Bank has paid the penalty amount as it did not want to contest the matter further.

(b) No, Sir.

Payment of minimum wages to workers in private offices/ industries

*200. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any machinery to check periodically that at least the minimum wages prescribed by Government are given to the employees/labourers in private offices/industries;

(b) whether any such survey has ever been conducted at the othce premises of M/s D. K. Agencies, Inderlok, In Nagai, Delhi and M|s Researchco, Shanti Nagar, Delhi-35;

(c) if so, what is the outcome of the survey; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative what steps Government propose to take to safeguard the interests of the poor workers in such officer/industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) Yes, Section 19 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 empowers the appropriate Government to appoint such persons as it thinks fit to be inspectors for the purposes of the Act and define the local limits within which they shall exercise their functions. Accordingly, the Central Government has enforcement machinery in the organisation of the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central). The respective Stat-Government also have similar machinery.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Instances of payment of wages less than the prescribed rates of minimum wages have been detected in certain cases by the inspector appointed by the Delhi Administration. At the instance of the Inspector, 30 workmen of M/s. D.K. Agencies, Inderlok, Tri N^tgar, Delhi have got the arrears due to them. The Delhi Administration is taking similar action to